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Central America Buildup Underway

Cuban Exile Threatens New Invasion

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MIAMI (UPI) — ~~The civilian~~ leader of the 1961 Cuban invasion announced steps Tuesday in another exile buildup against Fidel Castro and threatened the Cuban premier with three-to-one retaliation for further executions in Cuba.

"We have reached the point where we cannot permit these bloody executions to continue unavenged," said Manuel Artime, 32, head of the Revolutionary Recovery Movement (MRR) based in Central America.

"FROM NOW ON we are going to kill three of Castro's men for every Cuban who is shot. We are going to kill these men where we find them," said the handsome exile leader.

Artime came here from an undisclosed Central American country Monday night and left Miami to return at mid-day Tuesday at

ter ordering three high-level subordinates to leave U. S. territory in "less than one week" to centralize operations in Central America.

Artime, one of the 1,113 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners released by Castro for U. S. ransom last December, said he already had men in Cuba and that by the end of September the political structure of his group will have been shifted from this country to Central America.

He promised accelerated military activity against Castro, but said, "we are not engaged in a publicity war against Castro and we shall not be publicizing our activities."

Artime did not name and Central American countries, but indicated the political representatives of the MRR will be scattered in three principal countries.

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operations will be more concentrated," he said. But he did not elaborate.

"The initial steps have been taken and our first missions to Cuba have been carried out, to make contact with existing rebel groups, to reinforce them with arms and supplies and to establish new zones of operations," Artime said.

He said Castro in recent weeks has stepped up secret executions of his enemies in Cuba.

"In the past three weeks alone a total of 75 persons have been shot by Castro firing squads," he said.

"The great majority of these victims were farmers and peasants and were shot merely because the government suspected them of being against Castro," he said.

ARTIME, WHO announced seven weeks ago he was moving his

organization to Central America because of U. S. interference with anti-Castro activities, said the MRR's primary problems at present is keeping operations secret from Castro agents.

"Just within the last three weeks Castro spies and infiltrators assigned to this task have been intercepted in three Central American countries," Artime said.

But he said he is supported by "all the countries of the Caribbean. . . if not by arms or money or technical help, then by sympathy and unofficial backing."

The reason is simple, "said the exile leader. "They all know, particularly the Central American countries, that Castro is working constantly to undermine them and subvert them — not just with words but with arms, agents and direct propaganda." (See story on page 6.)

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